

Docket No. F-7348



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Katsuhiko HATA, et al.
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For : STABLY DISPERSED MAGNETIC VISCOUS FLUID
Group Art Unit : 1755
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 23, 2003, please amend this application as follows:

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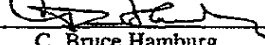
characteristics and yield stress of the fluid and wherein the magnetic particles are uniformly dispersed in the magnetorheological fluid at all times, including when the mechanical device is operated (see p.2, lines 5-33 for specification). Levin, on the other hand, does not relate to the incorporation of a magnetorheological fluid in a mechanical device but to a magnetic polishing fluid ("MPF"). Moreover, in response to a magnetic field gradient, the particles in the MPF are pushed out of the fluid in a direction perpendicular to the gradient (col. 4, lines 15-20) whereas claims 7-11 recite that the magnetic particles are uniformly dispersed in the magnetorheological fluid at all times, including when the mechanical device is operated.

Applicant respectfully requests a one month extension of time for responding to the Office Action. Please charge the fee of \$110 for the extension of time to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

For the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all the claims are now in condition for allowance and that action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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